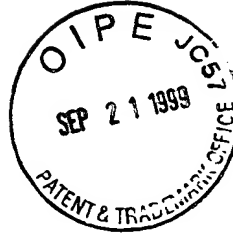


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action dated March 18, 1999 in the above-identified application. Applicants' response is submitted herewith in a Response. The requisite fee of \$870 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

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